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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following document, which was cited on page 1 of the specification in the above-identified patent application, to the Examiner's attention:

Specification for RFC 2401, entitled "Security Architecture for the Internet Protocol"  
(November 1998).

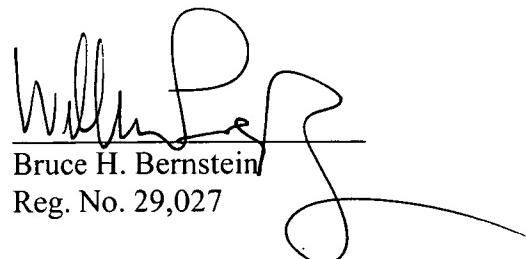
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material. A copy of the document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form, which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits of the instant application has not yet issued. Accordingly, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

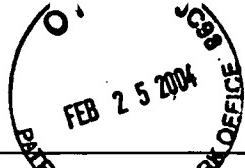
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /M.H./